(b) In regard to the involvement of people's representatives and MPs in the implementation of centrally sponsored scheme (Swaran Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana), the Ministry of Urban Development, on the recommendations of the Standing Committee of Parliament on Rural and Urban Development, has advised all States and Union Territories to associate elected representatives of the people, namely, the MLAs, MLCs and MPs with appropriate State and District Level Agencies. Further under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), the District Collectors implement schemes on the basis of the recommendations of the concerned MPs, and the funds are released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation in accordance with the guidelines of the scheme.

Funds utilised under MPLADS

†1667. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of MPLADS fund utilised during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 together with the State-wise details thereof;

(b) what methods are being adopted by Government for review of above task; and

(c) whether M.P. has been given the right to inspect and review the quality of work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) As the funds are non-lapsable, funds not released in a particular year are carried forward for release in subsequent years. Hence, year-wise details of funds utilised are not available and only a commulative position of funds spent is available. 65.8 per cent of the MPLADS funds released so far have been spent. The State-wise details are vailable in the "Statement of release and expenditure under MPLADS', a copy of which is available in the Parliament Library and also on INTERNET at URL www.nic.in/dpi.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Attention of all the State Governments has been drawn towards the status of utilisation of funds in their respective States and they have been requested to take effective steps to speed up utilisation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Non-release of MPLADS Fund

1668. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not yet released the MPLADS fund of some MPs for the year 1998-99 even after getting the utilisation certificate from the Collectors;

(b) if so, the details of fund released in favour of MPs of Orissa; and

(c) whether the unutilised MPLADS fund of Rajya Sabha members who have retired on 2nd July, 1999 is still laying unutilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS: (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) MPLADS funds are released on receipt of an expenditure statement showing unsanctioned balance of less than Rs. 50 lakhs from the concerned District Collectors. Based on these reports, funds have been released to District Collectors in respect of eligible MPs. Utilisation certificates are not insisted upon for the purpose of release of funds.

(b) A statement containing the details of funds released to Rajya Sabha MPs from Orissa during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is enclosed (*see* below). The MP-wise details of release of funds are available in the Parliamentary Library and also on internet at URL www.nic.in/dpi.

(c) In accordance with the extant decision, the unutilised MPLADS funds of predecessor Rajya Sabha members from a State are to be equally distributed amongst their successors in that State to be spent on their recommendations after taking into account the cost of all the eligible works of the predecessor MPs.